Rupees ten lakh each has been released to these nine districts to conduct Base Line Survey and prepare the PIR

Proposal of construction of roads in 1059 routes in M.P.

†2444. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted the proposal of 1059 routes of 7754 km. costing Rs. 1196 80 crore on 20th January, 2004 for clearance under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) what is Government's point of view on the proposal; and

(c) by when the same is likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh on 20.1 2004 wrote to Union Minister for Rural Development regarding proposals relating to 1069 roads costing Rs. 1196.80 crore for sanction under Phase IV of PMGSY Under phase IV, proposals of the Madhya Pradesh for 329 road works costing Rs. 299.11 crore were cleared on 22.1.2004 and proposals worth Rs. 424.76 crore for 412 road works were cleared on 12.2.2004. As such, total clearance under phase IV (2004-05) was for 741 road works costing Rs. 723.87 crore.

Providing loan under SGSY

2445. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) and the Government have made arrangement to provide loan to marginal farmers, agricultural and non- agricultural labourers and artisans etc. whose annual income is below Rs. 13,000;

(b) if so, what was the average rate of interest on this loan in the year 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(c) the total amount which was targeted to be given as loan under this scheme during the above years; and

(d) the actual amount of loan provided from March, 2003 to December, 2004?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Swarn jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is a credit linked self-employment programme aimed to assist all rural population below the poverty line including marginal farmers, agricultural, non-agricultural labourers and artisans etc. to earn sustainable income through income generating activities to enable them to cross the poverty line.

(b) Since the interest rates are de-regulated as per present Reserve Bank of India regulation, the rate of interest on SGSY loans varies from bank to bank.

(c) During the years 2003-04 and 2004-05, the total credit target fixed for the scheme was Rs 2129.33 crore and Rs. 2507.67 crore respectively.

(d) The credit disbursement figures are compiled financial year-wise The credit disbursements during 2003-04 and 2004-05 (up to December, 2004)areRs. 1301.21 crore and Rs 1068.84 crore respectively.

Total Sanitation Programme

†2446. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decision has been taken to expand the Total Sanitation Campaign in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, since when the said scheme was implemented in the country;

(c) the facilities being provided to the rural citizens under the same; and

(d) the number of villages in each of the State in the country wherein the villagers availing the said facilities till December, 2004 together with the average number of villages availing these facilities'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A NARENDRA): (a) It is proposed to implement Total Sanitation Campaign in all districts of the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(b) Total Sanitation Campaign was launched in April, 1999 by restructuring the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP)

(c) Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) is a community led and people centered programme which employs Information, Education and Communication as the core strategy for bringing about attitudinal and

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